



Vice president of University Advancement resigns

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

Orrie Covert, vice president of University Advancement, announced his resignation Tuesday morning. He would not disclose details of his new employer, instead reserving that privilege to them, but did indicate that he and his family are moving to the southeast.

"In my new position, I'll just be doing fundraising exclusively," Covert said. "I won't be doing the

alumni or the marketing or the communications – it'll just all be straight fundraising."

The new employer and Covert contacted each other through what Covert calls "a matter of networking." The employment agreements were still



Orrie Covert
Vice President of
University Advancement

being finalized days after his resignation announcement.

Covert worked in his capacity since summer 2010, when the previous vice president positions of University Advancement and University Relations were merged for simplicity and efficiency.

In an email to the Northwest Leadership Team, Covert announced that his last day will be March 31. At the time of press, Covert and President John Jasinski had just begun meetings to discuss

Covert's replacement or an interim position.

Covert also serves as the executive director of the Northwest Foundation. He leaves Northwest on positive terms after six years of service.

"Our time here at Northwest has been great," Covert said. "Working with President Hubbard obviously when I first started at Northwest, and then seeing the transition through with President Jasinski from his inauguration, getting him

here and introduced to our alumni, and I think it's been a positive transition and things are going forward.

"So I'm very satisfied and honored to have been a part of Northwest for these last six plus years, and really feel like we've been able to advance the University from a fundraising and alumni standpoint. So I'm very proud of what we've been able to accomplish and we've got a really great group of people in the University Relations department as well as across campus."

Local band releases album to iTunes

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

Local University students advance their music career by releasing their album for sale on iTunes. The Victory Lap is wiggling its way into the mainstream, making one of their biggest steps this year with the release of their debut album, Don't Let the Pop Stop, on iTunes. The album features five of the band's latest songs, written and recorded by The Victory Lap.

The band has worked tirelessly for the past year and a half, juggling school and practice in order to create the album, eventually releasing it universally to growing fans all over the U.S.

Band manager Nikki Hindman hopes the album will attract many new fans globally.

"This record is hopefully the first step to the rest of our lives. It's TVL's way of showing they are serious about their music and that they are ready to show it to the rest of the world," Hindman says.

The Victory Lap made a strong effort to share their music with the public by touring and making appearances all over the Midwest, but always returning to their home in Maryville. With the hectic schedules of each member, the band had to make many sacrifices to stay united.

The Victory Lap hopes to continue working toward a successful future, keeping unity and sacrifice in mind.

Vocalist Mark Anderson says the finished product looks promising even though the process took more time than they anticipated.

"Its conception and creation lasted way too long, almost the duration of an entire year. It pulled at each member's emotional strings but already with its release looming in the near distance, it has jump started a new and exciting future for The Victory Lap," Anderson said.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION President Yujia Guo, Phi Beta Sigma President Stanley Taylor and Indian Student Association President Srikanth Gaikwad represent their multicultural organizations on campus. With 256 graduate and undergraduate international students on campus, diversity remains an important aspect of their education.

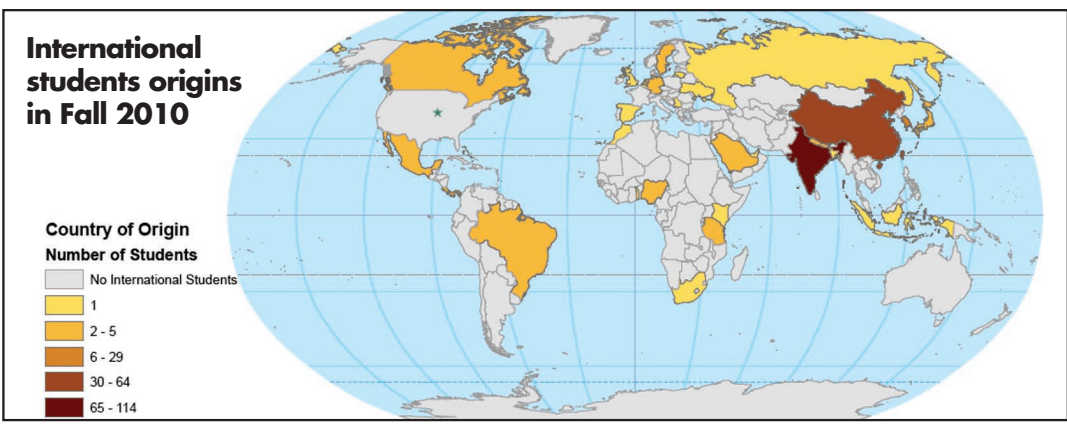
DEVELOPING DIVERSITY

University works to increase international population

By Leslie Nelson
Asst. News Editor

Northwest's international student population is growing, thanks to dedicated faculty members.

Two groups of faculty members took off for Asia last week to recruit students for the University's undergraduate and graduate programs. Thomas Billesbach, dean of Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, and Charles McAdams, dean



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ANISSA EVANS | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE lies dormant Wednesday afternoon. With Maryville's gas stations affected by high gas prices, people only stop to get gas when needed, making a majority of the stations seem temporarily abandoned.

Gas prices could reach five dollars

By Trey Williams
News Editor

The average price for a gallon of gas in the Midwest is \$3.49, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That is up 12 cents from a week ago, 36 cents from last month and 79 cents from last year.

Gas prices will continue to rise for two reasons, according to Northwest economics professor Mark Jelavich: The crisis in the Middle East and the constant demand for gasoline.

"The long term issue, though, is that there's been a rising world demand for petroleum, particularly out of India and China," Jelavich said.

As more and more people buy cars and expect to drive, the demand for gas will continue to rise. However, gasoline is not

the only reason oil prices have risen in recent years.

"It hurts us in that, it's not just gas prices but petroleum is used throughout the economy in different ways," Jelavich said. "Basically, you can think of rising gas prices as being the same as increasing a tax."

Along with the petroleum industry, the increase at the pump will affect more than the amount of travel by the average consumer. As gas prices continue to augment shipment costs, the price of everyday goods such as toilet paper and frozen pizza from the grocery store will also increase.

No matter what else is affected, the liquid gold that is pumped into vehicles around the globe is "a necessity," Jelavich said. Since people will continue to buy fuel, Jelavich ex-

pects people will have to start cutting back as means of compensation.

"It may not be so much they cut back on gas consumption as they cut back on leisure time activities, cut back on buying clothing, things like that," Jelavich said.

As this begins to happen, the economic rebuilding process may come to a halt.

"It takes away spending power from a good part of the economy," Jelavich said. "I don't think it will derail the recovery but it'll definitely slow the recovery down."

The increase in gasoline and oil prices have yet to cease, and as long as supply is unchanged while demand continuously increases, they could rise to \$5 per gallon within a year, according to the EIA.

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Research project studies pollution

By Leslie Nelson
Asst. News Editor

An undergraduate research project will sample the sediments in Missouri caves to study the levels of metals that could be polluting the cave habitats. Geology professor Aaron Johnson and junior Travis Doughty will travel to Springfield, Mo. to study the effects of the city and surrounding farms on caves in the area.

“We’re just checking out to see if the contamination is reaching down to the cave systems,” Doughty said.

The metals in the caves could be hurting an endangered species of fish, the Ozark cave fish. The population of fish has shrunk over time.

“One of the things they think is killing it is this pollution that’s working its way into the cave systems,” Doughty said.

The cave fish eat a certain type of isopods that are possibly killed by that pollution.

“If heavy metals accumulate in the sediments, they could reduce the number of isopods and that reduces the amount of food that’s available,”

Johnson said. “We’d expect that that’s really sensitive in a cave system.”

The two will use X-ray defraction to find what metals are present in the cave sediment. Johnson compares the device to a price scanner at the supermarket.

“In the supermarket, you scan the barcode and it tells you what it is,” Johnson said. “In this hand-held X-ray device, you point it and shoot it, just like a camera, right at the sediments and it takes a X-ray photo and the X-rays that get reflected back and the light that comes back tells you what metals are present.”

The two will test a cave near a cattle farm, a cave impacted by the city and a cave that just opened up. The third cave will be used as the control cave.

“In places where you have lots of cattle or you have big cities, the caves get impacted really quickly,” Johnson said.

Once the research project is finished, Doughty will present the information found at a geology conference.

The two will work with Missouri State University professor Doug Gouzie.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST
SOPHOMORE WRESTLER JACOB Mercer attempts to pin an opponent Dec. 4 at Bearcat Arena. Six of the members of the Northwest Wrestling team qualified for the national tournament.

Wrestling club wins conference

The team sends six to national meet in Georgia

By Mary Connors
Missourian Reporter

It may be true that talent wins matches, but in respect to Northwest Missouri State University’s wrestling club, consistency and heart breeds champions.

Established in 2005 with only seven people under the instruction of Chris Schwatz, the club has now grown to 12 members with the leadership of its head coach and former Bearcat wrestler, Nicolas Brent.

The club has created a legend, proving that it only takes a few to achieve something great by sending a few of their own to compete at nationals every year since its found-

ing.

“I remember in 2008, there were only five of us and we were barely treading water, but we managed to take two to Nationals and one got All-American,” Brent said.

Recently, the club took first place at the Southwest Conference in Arlington, Texas, scoring 148 points against their second and third place rivals, Colorado State and United States Airforce Prep. To add to their accomplishments, six of the team’s members upheld tradition by qualifying for the national tournament. Of those six, three of them, freshman Travis Peter, sophomore Jacob Mercer and junior Jordan Peter, are conference champions.

“Before conference, they were still do-

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CAMPUS

PERT gaming program returns

By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

On March 15, gamers will be able to bask in everything from Mario Kart to Call of Duty at the Student Recreation Center.

Tuesday, Northwest’s PERTs will host Wii Play Xbox from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Attendance is free for all Northwest students.

According to Millikan Hall PERT Tyler Ramaekers, the event will have 30 video game consoles such as Xbox 360s, Nintendo Wiis and Nintendo 64s. The PERTs rely on students to lend out consoles and controllers.

The PERTs have gathered a variety of games for serious gamers as well as people who do not play many video games. Students can play Call of Duty: Black Ops, Halo: Reach, Gears of War 2, Rock Band 3, Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, the Microsoft Kinect, Madden 2011 and FIFA 2011.

“We wanted to diversify the games offered to attract

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Student scholastic success recognized

By Ashley Herring
Missourian Reporter

This week on the Northwest campus, the musical, artistic and academic talents and achievements of students, organizations and departments were celebrated in showcases during the Academic Celebration.

The events began March 6 with the performance of the Northwest Tower Choir, two Kearney High School choirs and the Bel Canto and Chamber choirs. The week will conclude with the Jazz Festival including two performances by the Northwest Jazz Ensemble at noon and 5 p.m. March 12 in the Charles Johnson Theater located in

the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building.

Along with those participating in the Academic Celebration, Provost Doug Dunham believes that this event is an opportunity to honor the achievements of Northwest students.

“This is a week during which our students have the opportunity to showcase their intellectual curiosity and creativity,” Dunham said. “There is nothing more gratifying than witnessing our students emerge as scholars, artists and leaders.”

Scholarships totaling \$1,000 will be awarded to some of the students participating in the Academic Celebration, according to Thomas

Spencer, professor in the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department and the director of the Honors Program. Four faculty judges will decide how to divide the scholarships and who the recipients will be at the end of the week.

Spencer and Jenny Rytting, assistant professor of English and faculty sponsor for the Society of President’s Scholars, coordinated this year’s Academic Celebration. One of their objectives for this event, Spencer said, was to make it larger and involve more parts of the University as well as all three colleges.

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Weekend Events

Mar. 11 Friday

All Day

- All student teachers: Mandatory campus seminars
- Art Exhibit: Ephemera, a National Juried Exhibition - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Track & Field at NCAA Indoor National Championships, Albuquerque, N.M.
- Tickets on Sale - Hot 8 Brass Band - Administration Building
- Career Services: Education Expo - Lamkin Activity Center

3:00 pm

- Men’s & Women’s Tennis at Washington (Mo.), St. Louis

4:00 pm

- Baseball at Missouri Southern, Joplin, Mo.

8:00 pm

- Guest Artist Recital: Dr. Andrew Cheetham, Trumpet - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

Mar. 12 Saturday

All Day

- Art Exhibit: Ephemera, a National Juried Exhibition - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Girl Scout Day
- Jazz Festival
- PRAXIS
- Track & Field at NCAA Indoor National Championships, Albuquerque, N.M.

10:00 am

- Men’s & Women’s Tennis at University of Missouri-St. Louis

1:00 pm

- Baseball at Missouri Southern, Joplin, Mo.

5:00 pm

- Jazz Festival Awards Concert - Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

6:00 pm

- ISO Dinner - J.W. Jones Student Union

6:00 pm

- Jazz Ensemble Concert (in conjunction w/ Jazz Festival) - Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

Mar. 13 Sunday

All Day

- Art Exhibit: Ephemera, a National Juried Exhibition - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Daylight Saving Time begins
- Drop and Withdrawal: Last date for 25% refund on second-block courses

10:00 am

- Men’s Tennis vs. Southeastern Oklahoma - Frank Grube Tennis Courts

12:00 pm

- Baseball at Missouri Southern, Joplin, Mo.

2:00 pm

- Senior Recital: Mikaela Zielke, Mezzo-Soprano - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

5:00 pm

- Senior Recital: Rachel Cramer, Piano - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

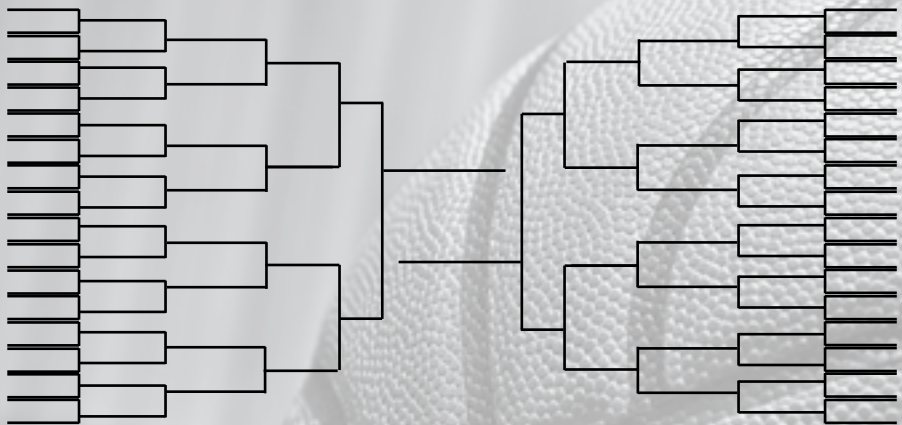
7:00 pm

- Newman Catholic Center Mass - Newman Catholic Center

8:00 pm

- Senior/Graduate Recital: Abby Placke, Trumpet, and Danielle LaDue, Soprano - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

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ASH WEDNESDAY



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BENEDICTINE SISTER OF Perpetual Adoration Laurentia Doyle says a prayer during noon prayer time on Ash Wednesday at the Monastery in Clyde, Mo. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent: a time of sacrifice for Jesus Christ in the Christian religion.

Last WWI vet dies, leaves legacy behind

By Matt Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

Frank Buckles, the last American World War I veteran, passed away at the age of 110 Feb. 27 at his home in West Virginia.

Buckles, a Bethany, Mo. native whose family moved to West Virginia shortly after his birth, enlisted when he was 16 years old and was an ambulance driver during the

American stance in Europe in WWI, according to his website, frankbuckles.org. Buckles also served in WWII and was a Prisoner of War in the Philippines for 39 months.

A statement was released from Buckles' daughter, Susanannah Buckles Flanagan, talking of her father's life and thanking the American people for the support she received in his passing.

"My father was a humble and soft-spoken gentleman who did not seek honor or recognition for himself," Flanagan said. "My father's friends, family and acquaintances will acknowledge his character and accomplishments, remember him and mourn his loss regardless of any formal honors bestowed upon him."

Flanagan also calls the American people to identify the fact that an entire genera-

tion of people have died and are gone from our country's history.

"We need a time for reflection, and the recognition of the end of an era and the passing of a generation, especially for those men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and my father serves as a symbol for all those who served in World War I," Flanagan said.

Maryville population sees positive increase

By Melinda Bell
Missourian Reporter

Crowded parking lots, rough streets and longer waits are just a few things we have seen over the years due to Maryville's population increase. In the last decade, Maryville has gone from a population of approximately 10,500 people to almost 12,000, as reported by the latest census.

City Manager Matt LeCerf says the increase could be a result of a multitude of things, such as the stability of industries and the University population. But most of all, he hopes some of the citizens have chosen to stay because of the high quality of life Maryville offers.

The increase and expansion of businesses have also been seen around the city.

"We have fewer store fronts empty from several years ago," Lecerf said.

A major increase has been seen in JASS Salon Tanning & Hair located on East Torrance Street. On an average day, JASS sees 300 clients a day. In the past two years, JASS's clientele has increased so rapidly that they had to expand the building. They have added two more tanning beds, a body wrap and spray tan. Along with these amenities, they also run a hair salon.

"I think the reason for our increase in business is the closing of Looks, ability to maintain prices and a variety of services offered allows us

Maryville population growth	
Year	People
2000-	10,500
2010-	12,000

to continue to steadily grow," JASS Salon owner Jenny Mullen said.

Tanning is not the only industry seeing a change in business. Realty companies are also experiencing a change in their normal activity. The increase in University students is demanding more realtors to invest in apartment buildings rather than houses. One realtor said on an average day, they see more than 20 people looking to rent because of foreclosure on their home.

NEWS BRIEF

Missouri House of Representatives cap state minimum wage

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Last week, the Missouri House of Representatives voted to stop the rise of the state's minimum wage and cap it at the federal rate, \$7.25 per hour.

In 2006, voters approved a law that allows Missouri's minimum wage rate to exceed that of the federal level. This new legislation however, over- turns that law.

Capping the minimum wage will hopefully help Missouri small businesses, making it easier for them to compete. Proponents of the bill say it could be difficult for Missouri businesses to compete if the state's minimum wage is higher than those of neighboring states.

However, not everyone sees the passing of this leg-

islation as a positive step. Some critics defend Missouri's existing law. They argue that state legislators should not overrule a measure approved by Missouri voters.

Though the House approved the legislation March 1, those who oppose it do not need to panic just yet. It still requires another vote before it can move to Senate for final approval.

POLICE REPORTS

NODAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF

Feb. 7
Tyler L. William, 19, Odessa, Mo. was arrested for exceeding posted speed limit and operation motor vehicle on highway while drivers license suspended. He was later released on two summonses.

Feb. 12
Jason D-M. Rogers, 23, St. Joseph, Mo. was arrested on a St. Joseph, Mo. warrant for traffic violation. He was also issued two summonses. One for operating a motor vehicle on a highway without valid operators license and the second for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Feb. 16
Gary E. Gaunt, 35, Clarinda, Iowa was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for drugs-possession and meth precursor drug with intent to manufacture meth.

Roger D. Foster, 40, Clarinda, Iowa was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for drugs-possession any meth precursor drug with intent to manufacture meth.

Ryan G. Fewson, 36, Clarinda, Iowa. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for drugs-possession any meth precursor drug with intent to manufacture meth.

Heather Nichols, 33, Coin, Iowa was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for drugs-possession any meth precursor drug with intent to manufacture meth.

Feb. 17
A Hopkins, Mo. subject reported an accidental house fire to their home.

Feb. 18
Daniel W. Whittington

Jr. 29, Branson, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for Dist/Del/Manf/ Produce or possess with intent to Dist/Del/Manf/Produce a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana.

Feb. 19
Stephon L. Taylor, 21, Gladstone, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for theft/stealing.

Kenneth R. Cline, 29, St. Joseph, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary and theft/stealing.

Jay D. Miles, 35, Riverton, Iowa, was arrested for peace disturbance of another.

Nicole L. Reno, 21, Pickering, Mo. was arrested for Domestic Assault.

Feb. 22
Scott E. Putnam, 29, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for possession/control of child pornography.

A Burlington Jct., Mo. subject reported that someone had stolen property from his home.

Charles D. Harvey, 20, Elmo, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for 3 counts of 2nd degree assault, driving while intoxicated, and minor visibly intoxicated.

Feb. 23
A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that she has been the victim of identity theft.

A Barnard, Mo. subject reported that he has been the victim of identity theft.

Virgil D. Ivey, 23, St. Joseph, Mo. was arrested for the following warrants. Clay County - Non-Support, St. Joseph P.D. - Failure to ap-

pear, Buchanan County - Child Neglect, and Gentry County - Failure to appear.

Feb. 24
Dayton E. Chaney, 37, Conception Jct. Mo. was arrested on a Buchanan County warrant for Non-Support.

Robert P. Wilmes, 41, Skidmore, Mo. was arrested for stealing.

Feb. 25
Timothy H. Easley, 38, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Drugs-possession and meth precursor drug with intent to manufacture meth.

Feb. 28
Shawn M. Carter, 23, Hays, Kan. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation on theft/stealing.

Mar. 1
Joseph Everhart, 20, Skidmore, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 18
Rachelle K. Casey, 19, Maryville, Mo., Brittany N. Baulder, 20, Maryville, MO, and Lauren M. Chatigny, 19, Maryville, Mo. were all charged with permitting a peace disturbance at 500 block North Fillmore.

Feb. 25
There was a structure fire reported at 2600 block Lakeview Drive.

Feb. 26
James R. Castillo, 18, Blockton, Iowa. was charged with Minor in possession and littering at U.S. HWY 136 and U.S. HWY 71.



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OUR VIEW - DIVERSITY

Open doors to all

Though Affirmative Action became quite a loaded and misguided program, it was quite pure in its intentions. By injecting the common university with a cornucopia of minority applicants, all students would benefit from the unique blend of ideals, practices and cultural characteristics. Northwest caught on, and now actively pursues foreign students for enrollment here. But the question is: Who truly benefits from having these students here with us? The answer: everyone.

The collegiate mind struggles to think of a real downside to having international students at Northwest. Speaking with one of these students, you will discover new perceptions about things you thought were a commonality or implied, like an American tradition, cultural nuance or even a peculiar language effect. When speaking with an international student, they may ask you to clarify something that

they were not taught in English classes. You will explain it to them, and in the process, have your eyes opened to a new angle of why we say certain things.

Similarly, you may learn of their cultural aspects and how they can be applied to our culture. For example, Eastern cultures tend to value respect and honor higher than we do. This is something we can take from a Chinese student's experiences, and apply it to our lives.

If you have yet to speak with one of our 256 international students, take the chance to do it. Go to an International Student Organization event, such as their dinner March 12. Ask someone where they are from and what they think of America, Maryville or Northwest. You will hear a perception from them that you may not hear from one of your other friends. This is what makes our multicultural student

Constant upgrades lead blind sheep consumers astray



Trey Williams
News Editor

I'm sure there is nothing better than relaxing on the couch, watching TV in your ridiculous looking Snuggie playing with your brand new iPad, iPod, iPhone, Nook, laptop or whatever new gadget graces the market with its presence. But wouldn't that moment be a lot less endearing if a commercial came on for whatever doodad you just bought, but they're advertising the newer model?

Apple, always finding creative and innovative ways to stay ahead of the pack, released its ground breaking iPad April 3, 2010. It was, and still is, the hottest thing since Auto Tune. In its debut, 3 million were sold in the first 80 days. Time Magazine even placed iPad on "The 50 Best Inventions of 2010" list, where it shared the spotlight with jet packs, flying cars and better 3-D glasses.

What better way to follow up such a novel idea than to, less than a year later, release the 2nd generation iPad with a slightly slimmer design, faster processor, offer one more connection and another camera? Oh yeah, it comes in white now, too.

This business of always trying to one-up the last thing that was done has become a little mundane. Are people still buying into this constant need to have the newest and the best of everything? It's not just in the industry of phones and

handhelds. This way of marketing is just as prevalent when it comes to fashion, food, cars, television and video games.

Every year, Ford releases a new Mustang, Kellogg redesigns and repackages its Frosted Mini Wheats and EA Sports drops the new Madden into the laps of teens everywhere. When is enough going to be enough?

Not to mention the infamous waiting game. You know what I'm talking about if you've suffered the agonizing two months, waiting for that new video game, phone, or iPod. It consumes you, all you think about is holding it in your hands for the first time as you convulse in a mixture of happiness and anxiety. The advertising industry sure knows how to press our buttons, right? I know they have me wrapped around their finger. As soon as I get my new gizmo, I sit in my dimly-lit dorm room slobbering and praising it like Golem from Lord of the Rings, it's sickening.

I suppose the world must continue to go round, and there is no better way to do that than to continue to create. But sometimes it makes more sense to venture forth slower and come out with something new when there is actually something new to come out with.

Maybe I need not complain and just embrace the modern age of innovation. It used to be that slow and steady won the race. Now however, it seems as if Aesop's fable of the Tortoise and the Hare has been rewritten.

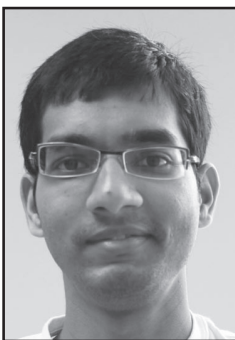
CAMPUS TALK

How has diversity on campus impacted your educational experience?



"I really like the curriculum, because it is challenging and makes me think. I also love the friendly environment. I have met a lot of new friends."

Sraven Kumarkande
Applied Computer Science
India



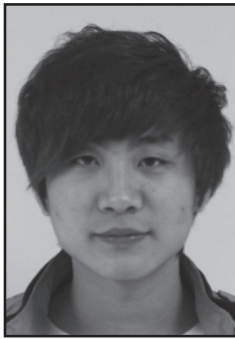
"A friend told me about it, he told me that the coursework will well prepare you for the real world. I love the food here, but I hate the cold winter."

Ganesh Madhav Veeramaneni
MSACS
India



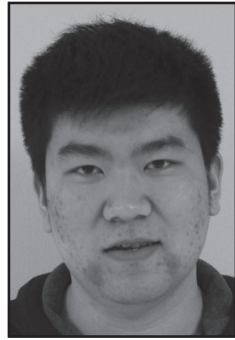
"My previous school, the University of China, has a partnership with Northwest. I also wanted to study abroad and America seemed like the perfect place."

Wenhui Wang
Finance
China



"I came to Northwest because I have always wanted to study in America, and Northwest seemed to be a perfect place. As it turned out, Northwest was perfect."

Yunan Lhou
ESL
China



"A lot of my friends go here and it provides a great program for my major. I also came here because there are lots of other foreign students, so I don't feel alone."

Xiang Wen
ESL
China

Westboro Baptist abuses First Amendment rights



Chance Long
Contributing Columnist

In the latest Supreme Court decision, the Westboro Baptist Church and their radical protests are in fact constitutional. In a verdict of 8 to 1, Justice Samuel Alito was the only opposing justice. Westboro Baptist Church is based out of Topeka, Kan. and is seen on the news picketing at military personnel's funerals with offensive signs. Examples of the signs include "God Hates Fags," "God Hates You" and "Thank God For Dead Soldiers." Westboro's pastor and leader, Fred Phelps, is the mastermind behind the protests.

When I look to the Supreme Court, I understand the struggles they must have had in making this decision. Westboro Baptist Church is protesting soldiers' funerals with very offensive and rude language. But at the same time, our constitution states that we have the freedom of speech and the freedom of assembly, and that freedom of speech means every type of speech, appropriate or not.

Looking at the comments Phelps made after hearing the decision just disgusts me. One thing he said following the trial and referring to Justice Alito was, "He simply didn't follow his oath. He'll have to take that up with God. I very much appreciate the fact that I get to be the

mouth of God in this matter."

Though I have a very hard time stating this, it is true and very upsetting that the picketing by Phelps and other members of Westboro Baptist Church is in fact constitutional according to our First Amendment rights.

A good way to look at this is a quote from fellow political science major Joe Hermon.

"Maybe the Supreme Court of the United States can't put to rest your picketing, but one day someone will make sure you get what you deserve for insulting the men who protected your right to speak in the first place," Hermon said.

This is referring of

course to Phelps and his church members. The Supreme Court was very much correct in their decision, but the moral dilemma is still very strong. I am guessing Alito brought this into the argument, and that shows why he voted the way he did.

Though Phelps and his followers are allowed to protest our military personnel's funerals, that does not mean that it is not constitutional for me and other people who do not agree with the Phelps followers to protest their protests and shut them down. Because the Supreme Court has ruled that this practice is acceptable, it opens the door for us to play Westboro Baptist's game and tell them what we think.

WHAT THE DEUCE - OPPRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS

Bahrain boils over, fights for democracy

Monarchical or dictatorship governments are increasingly un-trendy right now, particularly in the Middle East. Bahrain, the archipelagic nation in the Persian Gulf was long ruled by a royal family belonging to the Sunni Muslim minority, but increasing Shiite revolutionaries' protests could bring in a new zephyr of democracy.

About two-thirds of the oil-rich Bahrain is made up of Shiites, according to USA Today. Protesting Shiites gathered in Manama, the nation's capital, March 4 to peacefully picket near the prime minister's office. They demanded change in the form of government and an end to discrimination in job and housing applications.

Bahraini protests are relatively minor compared to other recent Middle Eastern democratic rebellions, but they still send a noble message that transcends borderlines, oceans and language barriers: don't tread on me. We are witnessing an intercontinental paradigm of democratic protest, coming straight from the people themselves. There is no Che Guevara or Mao Zedong - no unifying leader with a ruler agenda.

More importantly, there is no outside force such as the United States driving the democratic revolution. At a time when America is criticized around the globe for intervention, the recent events in Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia and now Bahrain have proven that some countries can indeed choose their own destiny.

For the unfortunate oppressive governments still enjoying power, your days are limited. This spirit of democratic revolution is contagious, and it is coming to infect and motivate your people.



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AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT protestor releases balloons over the crowd gathered at the Pearl roundabout in Manama, Bahrain.

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19.1 million students will enroll in college this year



7 out of 10 college students will move back home after college

What every student should know

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

Sooner than we know it, we will walk across that stage accepting our diploma and praying that our parents will stop crying. The big question is, are we ready for it?

The harsh reality of the new millennium is that a simple diploma is no longer our golden ticket. Employers are looking for that x factor from graduating students that sets them apart from the dozens of other applicants. Employers are looking for internships, involvement in the community and good work ethic inside and outside of school.

In a survey conducted by CollegeGrad.com, seven out of 10 said that they would live at home

until they found a job, causing 80 percent of graduates to move back home. Guy Davis, director of the career center at Towson University in Baltimore, said that with the economy being as it is, many students are faced with harsh competition after getting their diploma. A good number of these students are still searching from the class of 2009.

Luckily, Northwest's Career Services department is doing something about it. Career Services provides students with the opportunity to ask questions, have their resumes looked at and receive help when looking for internships.

Their web site alone provides information about how to prepare a resume, what employers are

looking for and upcoming events where students can meet with real employers to receive feedback on how they are doing.

Students need to know the basics before graduating, so Career Services helps by starting from the beginning, teaching students how to get connected and how to market themselves.

Stacey Stokes from Career Services explains the significance of students getting involved outside of classes before graduation, stressing the importance of the many opportunities Career Services provides.

"The best thing that students can do is go to mock interviews, take advantage of Career Services, bring in a resume and of course get

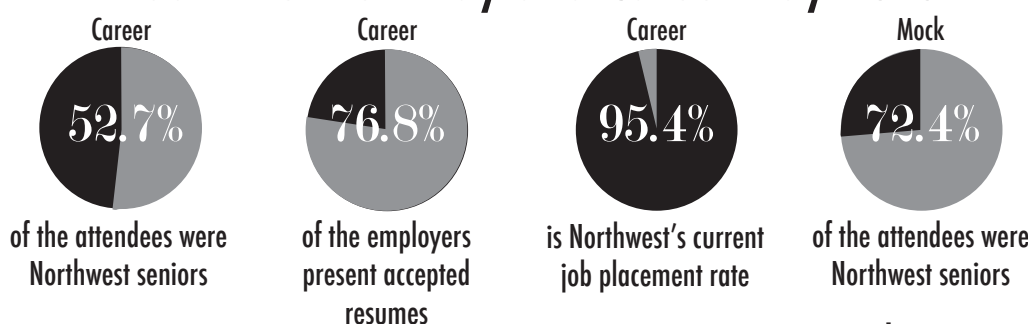
an internship," Stokes said.

With the job market only getting more competitive, it is important for any student wanting a job after graduation to begin networking early. Students should try looking for mentors in the field to get advice from and make sure to ask lots of questions. Because internships are a key ingredient to a resume, students should start sooner than later applying for internships and looking into places of work that can help them develop the skills they will need in their line of work. As always, students looking for any of these outlets should start soon and consult either your advisor or someone in the career services department.

391 students participated in the Spring 2010 Career Day

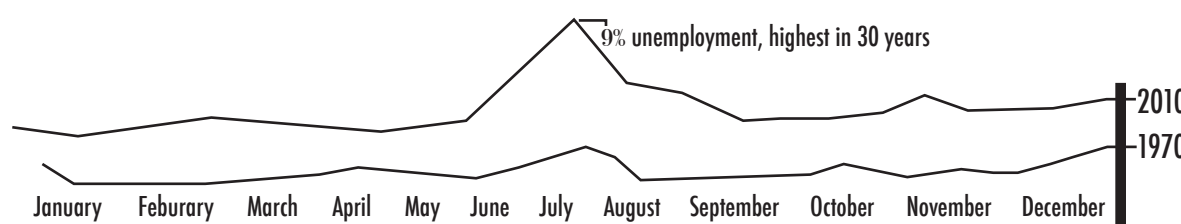
263 students attended the Spring 2010 Mock Interview Day

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NCAA

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because that's a pretty three intense days in Kansas City.

"So a lot of times it just seems like such a letdown to play in the region. But it won't happen this year —two MIAA teams get picked. I don't even think they waited until Sunday to make their decision.... I don't know the reason but I think we'll go into the region with a little bit of a chip on our shoulder."

The Bearcats tied the program record for wins in a season in Sunday's win over Emporia State. No women's team at Northwest has advanced past regional play.

"Coach has been talking to us all year about making history," junior guard Abby Henry said. "That's something that we want to do. Hopefully we can go down, win three games and make it back to St. Joe."

After the championship game Sunday, the players took turns climbing a ladder with a pair of scissors. Senior guard Gabby Curtis took the final strand and held up the net to thunderous applause from the traveling fan base.

"There's a possibility

of cutting down four nets in a season and we've already cut down two," Henry said. "We really want to go to Oklahoma and cut down that third net."

The 'Cats seem to be entering tournament play on a high note.

"Those last two games in the MIAA Conference Tournament are some of the best games we've played," senior post Gentry Dietz said. "All around, it was truly a team effort. That's only happened probably two other games this season with Emporia and Washburn. When we play as a team and we're on the same page, we're a hard team to beat."

The team now faces the fact that one loss and the season is over. The team stressed that they just need to take it one game at a time.

"That's the nice thing about tournaments, you really don't have to motivate them," Steinmeyer said. "They know what's on the line. If they want to be national champs, they've got to get motivated six times. I don't think it's such a far-off dream. If you can win the regular season and the conference tournament in the MIAA, I think you have to be looked on as one of the threats nationally. I think our kids know that and I think they're up to the challenge."

EVENTS

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The Academic Celebration centers on Northwest's annual Celebration of Quality event. The Celebration of Quality is an academic conference that allows undergraduate and graduate students from all areas of study to showcase work they have done while attending Northwest. Entries from research papers and scientific demonstrations as well as creative writing and art work are welcomed. This year's Celebration of Quality was held March 8 and 9 and more than 50 Northwest students shared their pieces.

The Celebration of Quality symposium featured Joyce Pival, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, as its keynote speaker. Pival was honored to be selected as the opening ceremonies speaker and excited for the entire week of events.

"I think that this event

is a great opportunity for students to showcase what is happening in the classroom," Pival said.

Pival also stated that she felt the Academic Celebration allowed many faculty members, who act as mentors to students, to share in what students are doing and engage audience members viewing their pieces or presentations.

The Academic Celebration's week of events also included a series of "brown bag" lunch events representative of each of the University's academic colleges. The College of Arts and Sciences sponsored a panel discussion Tuesday on the purpose of receiving a university level education. The Booth College of Business and Professional Studies sponsored a discussion on working with professional clients. The event sponsored by The College of Education and Human Services presented the "Course Redesign Process for General Psychology" today at noon in the J.W. Jones' Student Union.

GAMING

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more than just hard core gamers," Ramaekers said.

Every person who attends is entered in a raffle to win prizes such as an iPod Touch, a digital camera, a gift card and more.

In the past, only games like Call of Duty and Halo were played. Wii Play Xbox started as a substitute for online gaming, which is not allowed on the Northwest network.

"Since we don't allow online gaming on campus, we wanted the event to have that feel of playing online," Ramaekers said.

Ramaekers anticipates Rock Band 3 to be a big attraction. Students have the option of over 400 songs to play. The game will be set up on a stage to give it a concert feel.

Wii Play Xbox was held in the Station when it first started, but has since grown into a larger project. The event was held in the Union Ballroom last year.



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DIVERSITY

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of the College of Arts and Sciences, left for Beijing and Shenyang, China. Jeff Foot, director of International Affairs and the English as a Second Language program, and Gregory Haddock, vice provost and dean of the graduate school, are recruiting in Taipei and Tainan, Taiwan.

Faculty travel to China, India, Taiwan and Mexico to benefit both the international and American students.

"It's not just to recruit students, but also to provide cultural diversity for the students that are here on our campus," Billesbach said.

Studying in America benefits international students by allowing them to receive a better education.

"They like our educational system. So if you're a parent, to send them to a U.S. school, it's impressive," Billesbach said.

A good education comes with a high

price for many international students, financially and culturally.

"It's halfway around the world, to a place they've never been. That's scary," Billesbach said. "Those are pretty brave kids that come over here."

Along with finding new areas to recruit, the faculty want to continue developing relationships with countries they have visited for many years.

"Jeff Foot describes this as, 'You have to dig the well, then you have to install the pump, and even then, you have to prime the pump each time,'" Haddock said. "It's an analogy that's stuck with me as I've grown accustomed to international recruiting."

Haddock said that as long as they are maintaining relationships with those countries, more new students will follow.

Northwest has the capability to increase the international student population by much more. Currently, there are 130 undergraduate students and 126 graduate students attending Northwest. With 11 multicultural organizations on campus, the University does what it can to welcome

international students.

Each residence hall has a student dedicated to building relationships and integrating diverse growth experiences among students and across cultures.

"We work in residence halls and our basic job is to promote diversity throughout the halls," Sanchez Stubbs, Millikan BRIDGE, said.

BRIDGES work with international students to help educate them about the cultures in America.

"At the beginning of the year, mostly we help with the (Intercultural and International Center) and the international students when they first come in," Sanchez said. "We give one or two programs on what to expect in America and certain things that they'll have to understand and change to, and certain hygienic requirements, certain living things, stuff you can and can't do."

The BRIDGES also work with the American students. They help educate about different cultures and how to respect them.

TEAM

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ing really well," Brent said. "Mercer is definitely showing his true potential and the Peter brothers both did great at the Missouri Valley Open with Travis placing fourth and Jordan winning against a kid at Missouri University, I'd have to say that the Missouri Valley Open is our second toughest tournament and I was proud of how well we did."

Brent attributes his team's victories to their biggest strength: consistent positivity and intense conditioning. Enduring a long season, from September until March, the first month is dedicated to getting their bodies in shape with intense conditioning sessions. The club usually starts competing early November.

The blood, sweat and tears that this team has put into practices and competitions are recognized as they garner more media attention now than in the past. Brent admits that the recognition has been the high-

light of his college years.

"We did it for four years with no crowd, so the people who do this don't do it for pure recognition, they do it because they want to," Brent said. "We love the attention from our Bearcat family, but funding is our weakness. As a part of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association, we are responsible for raising our own money."

Lacking access to the weight rooms, the club uses the school track and donated tractor tires from local businesses to train. The team earns money through donations and fundraising campaigns varying from selling t-shirts to hosting a wrestling clinic. Financial help from the Maryville community and Student Senate has helped the club attend their biggest matches.

With their biggest match of the year set to take place today in Macon, Ga., Brent expressed nothing but confidence in his team.

"It doesn't matter if it's first period or 20 seconds left in the third, these guys are resilient from beginning to end," Brent said.

The senior collected two hits in four at-bats.

"The hitters need to drive in more runs and the pitchers need to be more consistent, then I think we will be fine," Loe said.

The 'Cats (0-9) continue the search for their first win of the season against Missouri Southern. The 'Cats go on the road to take on Missouri Southern at 4 p.m. Friday, in Joplin, Mo.

"Playing one of the Top 50 teams in the nation will definitely help us down the road," Loe said. "We are just looking to get on a roll this coming weekend."

SWEEP

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Cameron Bedard led the 'Cats at the plate going 2-3 in the contest.

"He swung the bat pretty well all weekend against a pretty good pitching staff at Central Missouri," Loe said.

The Mules finished off the 'Cats 5-1 in the fourth game, giving them the series sweep.

Eckhardt once again led the 'Cats at the plate and scored the team's only run.

THE FINAL WORD

BOYS

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All-District senior guard Tyler Peve scored 13 points in the first half to pace the Spoofhounds.

Coming out of the locker room, as was the case often this season, Maryville struggled to score.

"That had been a problem all year, a little let down in the second half," Kuwitzky said. "This team had that characteristic. Sure, if we would have scored a little more in the second half, it would have made a huge difference."

"That was a nagging problem all year, in the third quarter particularly, and our inability to score at times. That came back to haunt us a little bit."

The 'Hounds only scored 12 points in the second half, six in each quarter. Peve only scored three points in the second half, as the Dragons put up 23 points.

Maryville's lack of offense in the second half ended its season with a 49-39 loss.

"With two minutes to go we were down three or four, still right in the thick of

things," Kuwitzky said.

"To be honest, I think they had more talent and they had the better team. We gave them a run for their money though. That's a tough one to lose, but we're going out strong."

Junior guard Tyler Walter was the only other Spoofhound to score in double figures, with 11 points. Cameron senior Mitch Hatten scored a game-high 19 points.

Maryville finishes a season marred by question marks, as it replaced all five starters from the season before, with a 16-10 record.

"Overall, I'm happy with the season," Kuwitzky said. "You would have liked to go further, but it was a tough district this year."

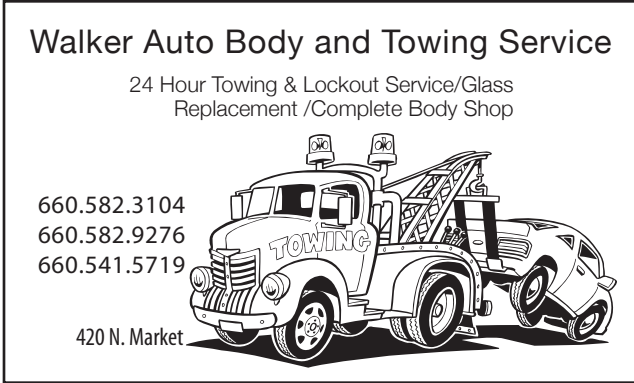
The 'Hounds will return two starters next year with guards Walter and Jonathan Baker returning for their senior and junior seasons, respectively.

"That's two real good players to build your team around," Kuwitzky said. "The positive thing is that everyone I've talked to is upset the season is over, particularly the younger ones. They're talking about summer, talking about leagues, about what they can do to get better."



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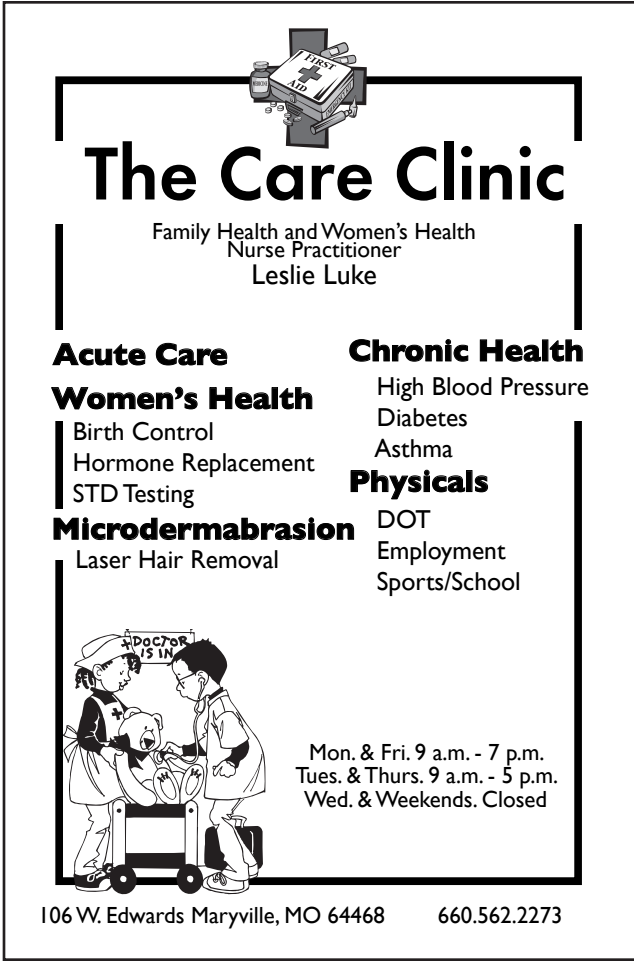
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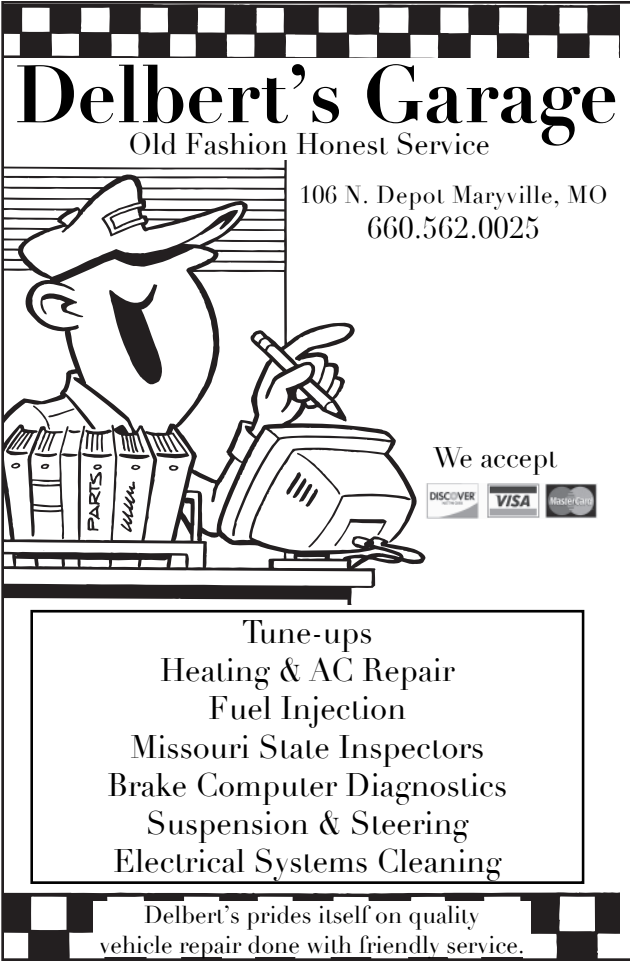
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Juggling act

Students balance class, commitments every day

By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

The life of a college student can be hectic. Students are trying to juggle schoolwork with a social life, and when a job is thrown into the mix, it can become chaos.

Jennifer Seipel is a junior public relations major at Northwest as well as an employee at HyVee. Seipel is not a stranger to the stress of juggling school along with a job.

After five years of working for HyVee, Seipel is now a second assistant manager. She started in her sophomore year of high school sacking groceries and stocking shelves.

The hardest part of working and going to school is scheduling for Seipel. She works 30 hours per week and is enrolled in 13 credit hours.

"I have to stay very organized. Group work is probably the hardest, I have to work with everyone else's schedule on top of my own," Seipel said.

Seipel is supporting herself financially through college. She pays for her schooling and living expenses by working and with student loans.

It's a struggle for Seipel to find times throughout the day to complete everything she has to do. Seipel says she tries to get her homework done in between and after classes, but often she cannot make it all fit before she has to go to work.

"I don't get off work until midnight so

there have been many times when I don't go to bed until 3 a.m. because of homework, which makes me tired for the next day," Seipel said.

When problems with Seipel's scheduling arise, she is thankful for the support of her managers and co-workers.

"(Co-workers) have always been so helpful with my scheduling. Whenever I need a day off there is always someone willing to switch shifts with me," Seipel said.

Seipel says HyVee is a good company to work for and she might even try to make a career out of it. She has interest in working for the company's corporate office and getting a job in public relations or advertising.

Even with her busy schedule, Seipel finds time to be a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America. The PRSSA has over 5,000 members and approximately 200 chapters nationwide. The organization helps students gain experience in public relations, learn from local, regional and national leaders and compete for scholarships. As a member of the PRSSA she attends meetings every other week in Public Relations to improve her knowledge for her major and future career.

Despite the exertion of juggling school with work, Seipel says working for HyVee has been an uplifting experience because of the support she receives from the company.

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Jennifer Seipel



(ABOVE) JENNIFER SEIPEL PUTS away a shopping cart on Tuesday at her job at HyVee. After five years, she is now the second assistant manager.



(RIGHT) SEIPEL FACES THE shelf so that the products can be easily reached by customers. She works 30 hours a week and is enrolled in 13 credit hours.

What are you juggling?

As college students, friends, employees and teammates, we face the everyday challenge of staying organized and on top of our busy schedules. Here are a few helpful tips.

Goals

Set realistic goals... and break those large goals into mini-goals. Write down the goals and put them somewhere so you can see them.

Don't Rush

Wake up early enough so you have maximum time in the morning to get ready.

Make to do lists

Always spend a couple minutes everyday to write down what you need to do. This will keep you on course.

Get your beauty sleep

For guys and girls alike, getting a good night's rest will ensure you are alert and ready the next day.

Use a student planner

Use a student planner or organizer. This makes planning easy.

Write it down

When you hear of an upcoming event or test, write it down. Don't forget!



For the whole list of "20 Ideas to help students get organized," by Maria Gracia, go to the online story version for the link.



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What's HOT

Secret millionaires give back

ABC's newest show "Secret Millionaires" follows a wealthy individual who goes undercover in a community and rewards a hard worker with a check from their own savings. The touching series reached 12.7 million viewers Sunday night, proving it can keep up with many other prime time specials.

Northwest women's basketball

Between tying their record for wins in a season and advancing to the regional round of the NCAA tournament, this team is on fire.

What's NOT

Phil Collins calls it quits

The Grammy winner took to his personal website Tuesday to announce that he would be leaving the music business in order to be a full time parent to his two sons.

Gas prices bring Spring Break woes

With gas prices reaching up to \$4 in some parts of the U.S., students and travelers are vowing to stay home over the break in order to save money.

R.E.M. still knows rock

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

R.E.M. is no stranger to the limelight, making that evident in their latest release, Collapse Into Now. The album is a follow up to their 2008 album Accelerate, which, debuted at No. 2 on Billboards top 200 album chart.

The rock band continues to earn their spot at the top, proving that things can only get better with age. Collapse Into Now is definitely their best album of the last decade. Not only is their music a breath of fresh air for devoted fans, but something that will get new listeners interested. Their opening song "Discoverer" begins with a bang, as the sounds of Peter Buck's guitar booms out of the background sending

a fresh reminder of the band's youth.

R.E.M. never forgets where they have been though, making an evident trip down memory lane with the song, "UBerlin," a song dedicated to one of the many cities they stayed in while recording. The song's smooth acoustic tempo mirrors their hit "Losing My Religion," popularized in the mid 90s. Not only does the song serve as a perfect reminder of the band's instrumental talent, but the beautiful harmonious sound that singer Michael Stipe creates with fellow members.

Stipe and Mills never sounded better by continuing to show off their gift for harmonics and an acute ear for sound. Fans of the band get a chance to reminisce in the

glory days of their start in the '80s while keeping it modern. The band brings back their jingle pop spirit with songs like "Mine Smell Like Honey" and "All the Best." While the two can at times distract listeners from the band's initial talent, they are just two more unique sounds to add to the band's list.

This is R.E.M.'s last album for Warner Bros. With no reported rumors of a tour anytime soon but the band is still going, releasing hits and doing what they love.

Altogether, the album serves as a great reminder to fans how the band made its glorious transition from Walkman to iPod. The band's classic style sound continues to present a fresh face in music for any generation.



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THE STROLLER

The injustice of non perforated toilet paper

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Well Eleanor, if you saw the dirty depths of my dreams, you wouldn't call them beautiful. And you certainly wouldn't want it to belong in our future, unless your idea of future includes a 24-hour Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood TV network, nude hopscootch and civilian tanks as means of transportation.

Believe it or not, this rant is about toilet paper. You see, toilet paper has been a large part of humanity since Socrates quit posing for limestone busts one day and thought, "Great Zeus, why do we use our hands to wipe?" The first toilet paper, although in primitive form, was born that day. Charmin launched their creepy brown bear cartoon ads shortly thereafter,

and they've been around ever since.

Now that it's the 21st century and we have technological breakthroughs like electric cars and Red Box, why does Northwest still use non-perforated toilet paper? Heck, who in blazes still makes non-perforated toilet paper? Charmin, are those LSD-tripping bears not the cash cow you hoped?

The recent Missouri budget cuts will result in tuition increases, and more importantly, cuts to programs and services at Northwest. Toilet paper will probably be eliminated altogether. But I heard the University had a marketing strategy that would make this cut seem intentional and strategic: by doing away with toilet paper, students would be encouraged to use the napkins found in the cafeteria, which, as we all know, are made out of

recyclable material (this encourages the whole anti-corporate-America-tree-fetish movement so popular with liberals and people who wear glasses). And if those napkins weren't "green" before, they sure will be after we use them as toilet paper to "take care of business" from eating the cafeteria food.

These days, I stroll around loaded with my own toilet paper rolls. They don't take up much space in my fanny pack, and they double as a kooky conversation starter. Go ahead and laugh, but at least I'm not pulling and yanking my toilet paper like an animal.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Place to chill out
 - 4 "In all likelihood ..."
 - 11 Hollywood hrs.
 - 14 Many, many moons
 - 15 Land purveyor
 - 16 Mr. ___!: old whodunit game
 - 17 Diana Prince's alter ego
 - 19 Have some grub
 - 20 Wore
 - 21 Thus
 - 23 Cutting the mustard
 - 24 Peter Parker's alter ego
 - 27 Arctic explorer John
 - 28 Quetzalcóatl worshiper
 - 30 Aromatherapist's supply
 - 31 Britt Reid's alter ego
 - 35 Bite for Mister Ed
 - 36 Bray beginning
 - 37 Steve Rogers's alter ego
 - 45 "Kubla Khan" river
 - 46 Meted (out)
 - 47 XV years before the Battle of Hastings
 - 48 Linda Lee Danvers's alter ego
 - 51 Trade punches
 - 52 Sound acquisition?
 - 53 More artful
 - 55 Flight board abbr.
 - 56 Reed Richards's alter ego
 - 61 Bis plus one, to a pharmacist
 - 62 Lizards with dewlaps
 - 63 "___ Hunters": History Channel show with the tagline "Hoax or History?"
 - 64 Many SAT takers
 - 65 Abundant flow
 - 66 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett

- DOWN**
- 1 Use a Singer
 - 2 High-muck-a-muck

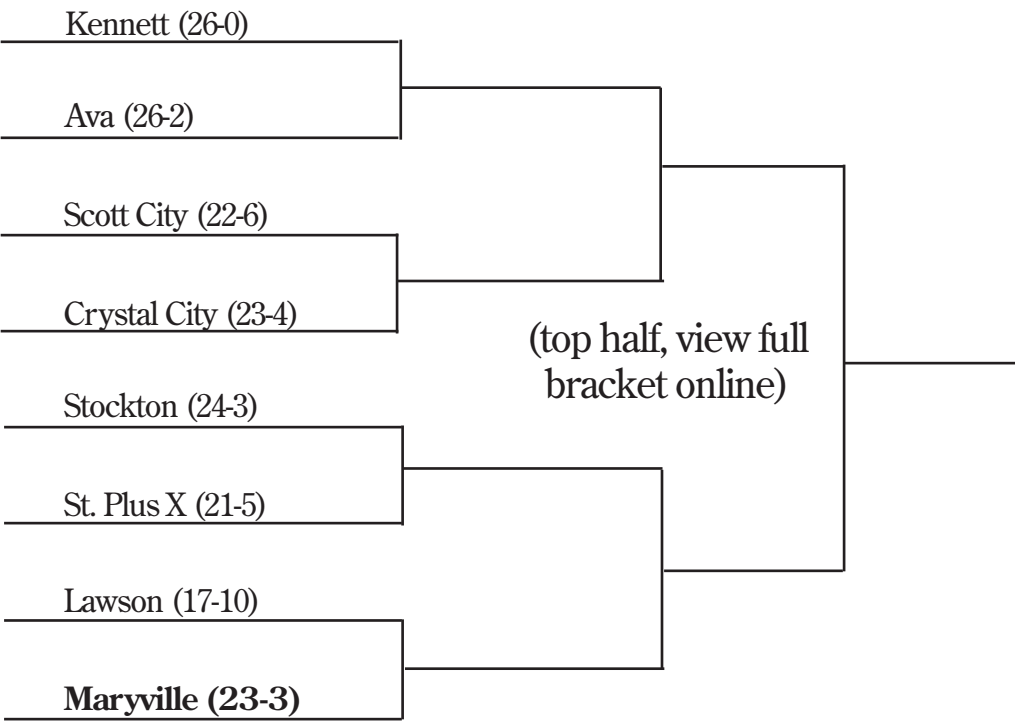
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- 3 "General Hospital" actress
 - 4 Cookie that might flavor a McFlurry
 - 5 "Jurassic Park" actress
 - 6 Margery of kids' rhyme
 - 7 Road warning
 - 8 Source of 20s, for short
 - 9 Author Dahl
 - 10 "Sesame Street" regular
 - 11 Early arrival
 - 12 Natural seasoning
 - 13 Jackson Hole backdrop
 - 18 HST's successor
 - 22 Danish coins
 - 23 Museum fare
 - 24 Canonized mlle.
 - 25 Write
 - 26 Cologne pronoun
 - 28 "How now? ___?": Hamlet, before mistakenly slaying Polonius
 - 29 Letter after epsilon
 - 32 Burrowing rodent
 - 33 "Alas"
 - 34 Swamp growth
 - 37 Disorder

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 - 51 Sasha, to Malia
 - 53 Lee who co-created 24-Across
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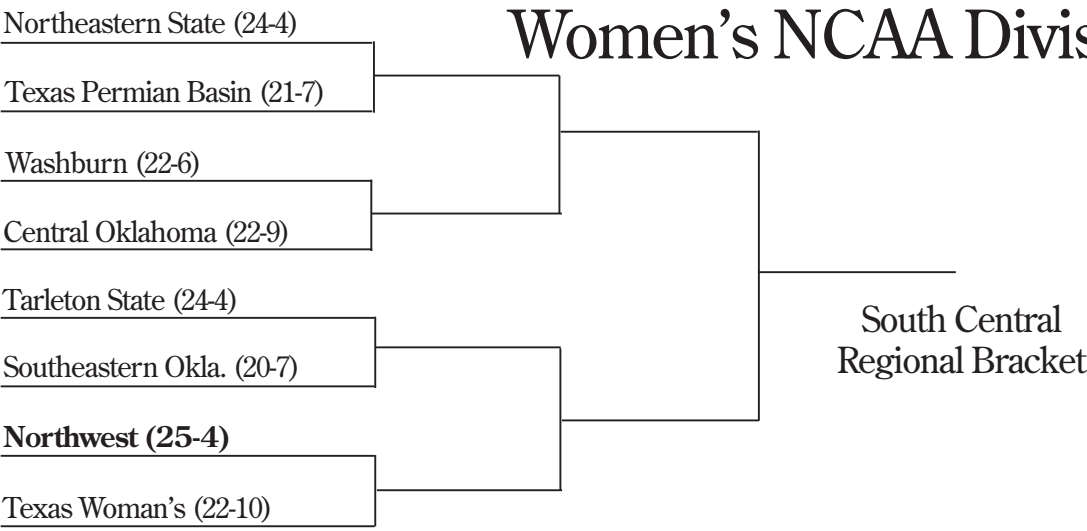
Maryville’s Road to Columbia



SENIOR POST-TAY-LOR Gadbois (right) celebrates with a 'Hounds fan Friday at East Buchanan High School. The 'Hounds defeated Bishop LeBlond to become district champions.

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MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Western.....	13-3	0-0
Neb.-Omaha.....	10-4	0-0
Emporia St.	8-5	0-0
Fort Hays	8-5	0-0
Truman	9-6	0-0
NORTHWEST	7-5	0-0
Mo. Southern	9-7	0-0
Central Mo.	7-7	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.)	4-4	0-0
Washburn.....	5-9	0-0
S.W. Baptist	1-3	0-0
Pitt. State	2-7	0-0

Tuesday:
NORTHWEST at Neb.-Kearney
Quincy at Lincoln (Mo.)
Mo. Western at Central Okla.

BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.	7-0	4-0
Central Mo.	9-1	4-0
Fort Hays.....	7-3	4-0
Neb.-Omaha	5-2	3-1
Mo. Western	4-5	3-1
Washburn.....	3-4	3-1
Mo. Southern	5-4	1-3
S.W. Baptist	2-4	1-3
Truman	2-6	1-3
Pitt. State	2-4	0-4
Lincoln (Mo.)	0-4	0-4
NORTHWEST ...	0-9	0-4

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MADNESS

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Baylor as one of the first four out before its loss to Texas, meaning that Missouri and Colorado are likely to have their tickets punched to the big dance while Baylor and Nebraska get left at home, waiting to hear from the NIT.

Six bids from one league is good, especially when it constitutes half of the conference, but are Mizzou and Colorado more deserving than a mid major who finished second in its conference and had only two non-conference losses?

I say no, but there is a major conference bias, letting bigger name teams that have the same shot at winning it all as a mid-major, zero, in to the tournament.

Last year’s tournament proved that any team can go all the way, as little Butler out of the Horizon League was one shot away from beating Duke. Now, Butler may not get into the tournament as they sit in a three-way tie at the top of their league.

The advanced statistics and rankings the selection committee use are great and have been pretty successful so far, but they’ve never had to fill 68 spots in a year where there really are only 32 teams

that absolutely deserve to be there, the conference tournament winners.

Now am I saying we need to scrap the best thing in college sports, in my opinion, for some computer generated nonsense like the Bowl Championship Series, no way. But should the committee have looked at a possible downsize rather than expansion? Possibly.

In reality, there are only about 25 teams with realistic shots at the title anyhow, so why not cut it down to just the Top 25 and the NIT can expand and be the larger postseason tournament?

Downsizing would eliminate all of the guess-work. No selection Sunday, no bracketology. The games would mean so much more and be more intense than an opening round No. 1 versus No. 16 matchup where everyone already knows the outcome.

Will it ever happen? No.

Sports fans demand more. They want seasons to go year round so that their favorite teams will always be playing, which is unrealistic, just like my suggestion of downsizing.

The NCAA and all of the schools would lose money and that’s the driving factor behind it all.

It would be so much simpler, though, and make for riveting basketball.

THE WIRE

Cheerleading Nationals to air on ESPN

The Northwest Cheerleading team’s nationals routine will be aired on ESPN on Sunday.

Their routine will appear in episode three and will appear on the network at 10 a.m.

The Bearcats placed third at nationals back in January behind the University of West Georgia and Columbus State University.

It was the ninth title for West Georgia.

Northwest will be one of two Division II teams to appear in the broadcast.

The routine was aired last Sunday on ESPN 2 and will be broadcasted again at noon on April 24 on ESPN 2.

There is a link on the Universal Cheer Association’s website to view the broadcasts.

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Seniors capture third straight

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

Maryville fans are used to watching teams hoist plaques and trophies, especially girls' basketball.

Apparently so are Bishop LeBlond's fans.

With their third consecutive district title in hand, the Lady Spoofhounds prepare for another playoff run under the direction of head coach Grant Hageman.

LeBlond happened to be the unfortunate squad who endured the group of seniors, guards Shannon McClellan, Molly Stiens, Mataya Wooten and post Taylor Gadbois, holding the district championship plaque for 'Hounds' faithful to view, for a third consecutive season.

The Golden Eagles, the No. 2 district seed, cruised to the championship game with a 65-46 opening round blowout and a 64-54 semifinal win.

Maryville punched its ticket to the title game by knocking off No. 5 South Harrison 55-32 in the semifinals and out-muscled No. 8 East Buchanan, 54-36, to open the tournament.

Maryville defeated LeBlond 53-48, the smallest margin of victory by any team in the tournament. Leblond beat the 'Hounds by 19 points earlier this year.

"I'm just still impressed with our composure in late game situations," Hageman said. "We showed that in conference and I was impressed, yet again, and I guess I wasn't surprised. I shouldn't be surprised.



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JUNIOR FORWARD BROOKE Byland leaps toward the hoop in the 'Hounds' 53-48 win over Bishop LeBlond in the district championship Friday.

prised to this point, but we keep our composure no matter what happens."

The 'Hounds traveled to Excelsior Springs, Mo. last night to face Lawson in the sectional round. Results were unavailable at press time.

A win during sectionals

would advanced the 'Hounds to the quarterfinal round, where the winner of Stockton and St. Pius X game would meet them.

That game is at 7:45 p.m. Saturday at the Independence Events Center in Independence, Mo.

"Seniors execute in the fourth quarter. And when you got four of them that have played a lot of basketball, you lean on them to get you through those tough times and that's what they have done so far," Hageman said. "I hope that continues."

SPOOFHOUNDS



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SOPHOMORE GUARD JONATHON Baker jumps past a Savannah defender on Friday Feb. 18. The 'Hounds wrapped up their season with a 49-39 loss to Cameron.

Poor second half ends Maryville boys' season

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

This year's district match-up with Cameron had the opposite result for the Maryville boys' basketball team.

The Spoofhounds beat Cameron last year in the District Championship en route to a run toward the state playoffs.

Cameron knocked off the 'Hounds in the last regular season game of the year as well.

"I know we made great progress from that game to this game," head coach Mike Kuwit-

zky said. "The first game they beat us 42-27 and we made a couple of mop up baskets late. This one was close all the way and came down to a couple of plays."

Maryville looked well on the way to a repeat performance of last year, taking a lead into halftime.

Cameron led 18-14 after the first quarter, but the 'Hounds scored 13 points in the second quarter to hold a 27-26 lead.

SEE **BOYS** | A6

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Kyla Roehrig



Senior post Kyla Roehrig recorded 26 points and 17 rebounds in a 79-63 win over Emporia State in the title game. She was named tournament MVP.

Kit Daugherty



Senior outfielder Kit Daugherty went 7-15 during the weekend as the 'Cats won three of four games. She hit two homeruns with six RBIs.

Mataya Wooten



Senior guard Mataya Wooten scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, in Maryville's last two district contests, helping propel the team to the district title.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior post Taylor Gadbois posted three straight games of 15 or more points to help the 'Hounds to the district title, capped by a 53-48 win over LeBlond.

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FILE PHOTO
JUNIOR PITCHER NICOLE Ackelson delivers a pitch in a game last season against Missouri Southern.

Hitters create noise, fielders need work

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

An opening loss at the Teri Mathis Zenner Memorial did not stop the Northwest softball team from having a strong showing.

“Overall, it was a decent weekend,” head coach Ryan Anderson said. “At times we struggled. You can still tell we’re not getting outside to practice.”

The tournament appeared to start on a sour note when a three-run homerun ruined chances of early season pay-back.

The four-run seventh inning allowed Central Oklahoma to slip past the Bearcats, 8-6.

“Really, we had a chance to win it,” Anderson said. “We gave up a three-run shot to get beat by two runs. But that wasn’t that deciding factor of the game either. We had runners in scoring position and gave ourselves a chance to win.”

The ‘Cats would bounce back in the nightcap, shutting out Springfield-Illinois, 7-0.

Sophomore Jenna Creger rode a seven-inning, 10-strike-out performance, while being the beneficiary of senior catch-

er Kristen Hessel’s bat.

“When (the pitchers) get the adjustment of having pitched on dirt a little bit, getting used to it, their (pitches) can be where they need to be,” Anderson said. “With (Jenna) the more she can pitch on dirt the better it’s going to be.”

Hessel plated three RBIs while going 2-4 at the dish, including a homerun.

The ‘Cats struggled in the field Sunday morning, but still managed to pull out a 7-6 win over Missouri S&T. Northwest surrendered six runs, all un-earned, on four fielding errors. However, Northwest mounted a six-run seventh inning to squeak out the win.

The final game of the tournament would result in an offensive explosion by the ‘Cats, lighting up Wisconsin-Parkside for 11 runs and cruising to an 11-0 shutout.

Northwest’s bats were paced by sophomore second baseman Hailee Hendricks who turned in a 3-5 performance at the plate while collecting five RBIs.

The ‘Cats are back in action in a double-headed tilt starting at 1 p.m. Tuesday against Nebraska-Kearney. Both games are at Bearcat Field.

Harrison, men roll Kearney

By Orlando Carrizales
Missourian Reporter

The season might be young for the No. 20 men’s Bearcat tennis team, but they are off to a 2-0 start after beating Nebraska-Kearney on Sunday.

Senior Malcolm Harrison topped Nebraska-Kearney’s junior Josh Raymond in two sets. Harrison won the first set 6-0, but Raymond fought back in the second set. However, Harrison prevailed, winning in the second set 7-5.

Senior Vigit Sehgal also won his match in straight sets 6-4, 6-1 over Nebraska-Kearney sophomore John Steinke.

With the men starting to roll, the women’s team is still fighting for its first win this season.

The ‘Cats endured a pair of 5-4 losses this weekend against Nebraska-Kearney and No. 27 Drury.

“Drury is a Top 25 team, and we have a young team this year on the women’s side,” head coach Mark Rosewell said. “We’ve got to get our doubles corrected. We didn’t play particularly well in them.”

Sophomore Emily Hoffman grabbed a win this weekend against Nebraska-Kearney freshman Dominique Kropp in singles winning 6-0.

Freshman Alexis Bartek and junior Erika Les-ton won 8-4 in doubles on Saturday. Bartek fol-lowed that by winning 6-3 and 7-5 in singles.

The ‘Cats next match is this weekend. They play Washington (Mo.) at 3 p.m. Friday and then face Missouri-St. Louis at 10 a.m. Saturday. Both meets will be in St. Louis.



JASON LAWRENCE | ASST. SPORTS EDITOR
Senior Malcolm Harrison returns a shot against a Missouri Valley opponent on March 1. Harrison and the men’s team are 2-0 and have only surrendered one point.

No. 1 Mules’ bats stomp baseball in conference opener

By Chris Schoonover
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat base-ball team dropped all four games against No. 1 Central Missouri this weekend.

The first game of the series showed promise as the ‘Cats held a 1-0 lead through five innings on the shoulders of senior pitcher Chris Green.

“We are starting to get him back healthy again,” head coach Darin Loe said. “He threw five great in-nings out there.”

The bullpen gave up two runs in the final two innings to give the Mules a 2-1 win.

Sophomore third base-man Brett Paterson went 2-3 in game one and junior catcher Landinn Eckhardt

went 1-3, while recording the ‘Cats’ lone RBI.

The Bearcats could not keep Central Missouri’s bats quiet for long. The Mules dominated game two of the double-header, 13-3.

Sophomore outfielder Jake Kretzer led the ‘Cats offensively, going 2-3 at the plate with one RBI.

“Kretzer is swinging

the bat in our lead-off spot and is doing very well,” Loe said.

The series continued with another double-head-er on Monday.

Central Missouri took the lead early and did not look back, as they won game three, 6-1.

Sophomore shortstop

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SENIOR GUARD GABBY CURTIS swings the net around her head celebrating the 'Cats MIAA Tournament Championship. The 'Cats open up NCAA Tournament play on Friday against Texas Woman's University in Tahlequah, Okla.



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Women shut down Emporia

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

With the clock winding down on the MIAA Championship game, women's basketball head coach Gene Steinmeyer took a timeout to empty his bench.

The starters left the floor to a thunderous ovation from the traveling Bearcat faithful. The five left the floor with one thing assured: the MIAA Championship Trophy would travel back to Maryville.

After the timeout, the 'Cats dribbled out the final nine seconds of a 79-63 victory.

"This is the most fun I've ever had playing basketball," senior post Gentry Dietz said.

Senior post Kyla Roehrig earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award, collecting 51 points, 40 rebounds and 13 blocks on the week-

end. Roehrig came one block away from a triple-double in Friday's win over Truman State.

"I just love to sit back and watch Kyla work down there," junior guard Shelly Martin said. "Basically you just throw up anything to her and it's pretty much guaranteed to go in. Even if they hack her - which most people do - she just gets the rebound and puts it right back in, it doesn't even matter. It's pretty fun to watch"

Dietz and Martin also won places on the All-Tourney team, along with Emporia State's senior post Alli Volkens and freshman guard Kelsey Balcom.

Northwest only trailed for two minutes in the entire tournament. Truman State sophomore forward Jennifer Conway scored four quick points to start the second half and put Northwest behind for the only time in the tournament.

"Who's the team that led us?"

Steinmeyer asked reflectively. "Truman, the eighth seed. That should tell you something about the MIAA. If anybody wonders how tough this tournament is, the only time we trailed was to the eighth seed."

This is the third tournament title for Northwest under Steinmeyer. It is the first time in school history that the Bearcats have won the regular season and tournament titles.

"This team has done a lot of things history wise this year," Steinmeyer said. "First sole conference championship, we equaled the largest number of wins we've ever had. There's a lot of history this team's built."

The MIAA Tournament Champions earned the MIAA's automatic bid to the NCAA Women's Division II Tournament. The 'Cats received the No. 2 seed and will face Texas Woman's College in first round action. The game tips off at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Tahlequah, Okla.

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Tourney expansion leaves more to be desired



When you want something for so long, and you beg and plead for it for years, it's never as good as you'd hoped for once you finally get it. That's how I feel about the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament expanding to 68 teams.

In the last few years, the teams that didn't make the cut for the field of 65 were still good, big name teams, and made the National Invitational Tournament exciting to watch as well.

But this year has left something to be desired for the big dance. The field expanded by three teams, which seems miniscule, but in years like this where the only sure things are the Top 25 and the teams that win their conference tournament and an automatic bid, it makes it a nightmare for the selection committee and the fans.

It seems like there are more "bubble" teams this year than anyone knows what to do with, meaning that most of them don't really have a resume worthy to have a shot at the national championship, but will get in because the field is so weak.

The Big 12 is no exception. Kansas and Texas are the only two sure things, both ranked in the Top 10. KU won the regular season title, but Texas beat them, making this a prime Big 12 Tournament title game match-up.

Both of these teams will make the tournament as top three seeds, but beyond them, the Big 12 doesn't have too much to boast about. Texas A&M and Kansas State will get in behind 10-6 conference records, but then the Big 12 has four "bubble" teams in Missouri, Colorado, Baylor and Nebraska.

ESPN's Joe Lunardi had

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NCAA HOOP DREAMS

Road to St. Joe runs through Tahlequah

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It is a short trip down to St. Joseph, Mo. for the Women's Elite Eight, but Northwest faces a long road to get there.

Sunday, the NCAA announced the field of 64 teams that will vie for the eight tickets punched to St. Joseph.

Northwest received the No. 2 seed in the South Central Region and will face No. 7 seed Texas Woman's University at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Tahlequah, Okla., in first round action.

No. 1 seed Northeastern State University earned hosting rights as the region's top seed.

After winning the regular season and tournament MIAA crowns, Steinmeyer believed there was a case for Northwest to get the No.1 seed and hosting rights. Because Northwest is on the road it gives the team added motivation.

"The nice thing about it is the fact that we're going to Tahlequah," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "A lot of times there's a letdown after (the MIAA Tournament),

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SENIOR CENTER KYLA Roehrig takes the ball up over an Emporia State defender. Roehrig scored 26 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in the 'Cats MIAA Tournament Championship victory on Sunday.

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Take a look at Northwest's road to St. Joseph in the NCAA Division II Tournament. Be sure to check online for updates too.

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